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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JA, SU, SENV

SUBJECT: JAPANESE CONCERNS OVER POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL  
MODIFICATION(ENMOD)

REF: (A) TOKYO 7076; (B) STATE 123561

1. DEPT. HAS GLEANED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SAKHALIN  
BRIDGE. IN EARLY 1950'S SOVIETS CONSTRUCTED CAUSEWAYS PRO-  
TRUDING SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS INTO THE STRAITS AT BOTH  
LAZAREVA ON THE MAINLAND AND AT POGIBI ON SAKHALIN; THESE  
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APPARENTLY WERE TO BE LINKED BY A SUBMERGED TUNNEL. THIS  
PROJECT WAS HALTED IN MID-1950'S WHEN CONSTRUCTION BEGAN  
ON A RAILROAD FERRY LINKING SOVETSKAYA GAVAN AND KHOLMSK.  
FERRY BEGAN OPERATING IN EARLY 1960'S.

2. IN MID-1960'S SOME LOCAL OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY STILL FELT  
A TUNNEL WAS NECESSARY. MORE RECENTLY THERE HAS BEEN

SPECULATION THAT SOVIETS MAY SOMEDAY LAY A GAS LINE ACROSS  
THE STRAIGHTS.

3. CAUSEWAYS ARE STILL IN PLACE BUT APPARENTLY ABANDONED.  
OCCASIONALLY THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF LIGHT VEHICULAR  
ACTIVITY ON THE SAKHALIN SIDE, BUT NO REPORTS INDICATE A  
RESUMPTION OF CONSTRUCTION. CHRISTOPHER

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